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In re Application of:  
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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING AND RETRIEVING XML DATA  
ENCAPSULATED AS AN OBJECT IN A DATABASE STORE**

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This is in response to the Office Action dated **05/29/2008** and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration of the Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.